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NEWS RELEASE

EPFD responds to Condition 2 fireFirefighters respond to Condition 2 fire at 3100 block of Vogue Dr.

El Paso, *Texas* – At approximately 1:13 a.m. on Tuesday Jan. 19, the El Paso Fire Department was dispatched to a condition 2 fire at the 3100 block of Vogue Dr. when an El Paso Police officer saw flames and called 9-1-1. Upon arriving on the scene at 1:17 a.m., crews found flames coming from the roof of a house. Firefighters began to simultaneously fight the fire and search for residents. No one was inside the empty house.

Firefighters were able to bring the fire under control at 1:33 a.m. and contain it to 80% of the house attic. Damage is estimated at \$20,000. The cause and origin of the fire is under investigation.

There were no injuries to residents or firefighters. A total of 10 units and 28 personnel from the El Paso Fire Department responded to this incident. El Paso Police, El Paso Electric, Texas Gas and ATF assisted in the incident.

The house had working smoke alarms. The El Paso Fire Department would like to remind the public about their FREE Smoke Alarm Program. In less than 30 seconds, a small flame can get completely out of control and begin filling a home with thick, black, poisonous smoke. In just a few minutes, a home can become completely engulfed with flames. With the advance notice of a working smoke alarm, residents can escape with their lives.

Residents who do not have a smoke alarm can request a FREE smoke alarm by calling 485-5699 or by visiting www.elpasotexas.gov/fire-department/services.

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